

Please protect my choice for programming. As a person that travels a lot, the addition of localized weather and traffic is extremely helpful - even in the limited areas provided. Not being from Chicago, I have found the XM traffic, which uses more Interstate numbers vs. names, at a better pace and more regularly repeated to actually be useful than trying to remember what station does traffic and weather on the one's, two's or whatever. Plus, commercial radio is more apt to fly through a few highlights much quicker in order to get to a break or back to programming.

It also helped on a recent trip with my family. Not having any idea about formats/frequencies of stations, I was able to consult my radio guide and get traffic when I needed it with one click in several markets that I would use only on that trip. Surely, the commercial stations aren't losing out on my listenership in that scenario, because I wasn't turning them on anyway. Heck, I don't even know who they are in those markets.

I have traveled nearly 150,000 miles since adding XM radio to my cars two and a half years ago. I appreciate their interest in meeting my needs.

I hope you will truly consider leaving the \*CHOICE\* in the hands of the consumer instead of protecting the 'interest' of the large radio ownership groups that now own the vast majority of the stations in the markets that this impacts.

One great irony in this whole NAB protectionism stance is that one of the largest radio station ownership groups, especially in the mega-markets impacted by this localized programming, is Clear Channel - one of the investor/partners in XM.